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SUBJECT: ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH'S VISIT TO  
LIBYA

1. ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH'S VISITED LIBYA ON  
MAY 7-8 AS THE GUEST OF ECONOMICS MINISTER SHARIF.

DURING HIS VISIT, FRIDERICH'S ALSO HAD A TWO-HOUR

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CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER JALUD AND THE  
MINISTER OF INDUSTRY. FRIDERICH'S WAS ACCOMPANIED

BY A GROUP OF GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS, INCLUDING  
VON BENNINGSEN-FOERDER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF  
VEBA-GELSENBERG.

2. ACCORDING TO AN ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO  
ACCOMPANIED FRIDERICH'S ON THE TRIP, A MAJOR TOPIC  
OF DISCUSSION WAS OIL. THE LIBYANS EXPRESSED AN  
INTEREST IN CONCLUDING A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT  
ARRANGEMENT FOR THE DELIVERY OF CRUDE OIL TO GERMANY.

OUR SOURCE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIBYANS DID NOT  
APPLY AS MUCH PRESSURE AS THEY HAD DURING JALUD'S  
VISIT TO BONN LAST YEAR (SEE BONN 3556, 1974). AT  
THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT THE TWO SIDES AGREED ON  
A STATEMENT IN WHICH THEY EXPRESS THEIR INTENTION TO  
EXPAND COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION OF THE NEW  
AREAS, AND WHICH NOTES THAT LIBYA IS PREPARED TO  
SUPPLY GERMANY WITH CRUDE OIL WITH THE QUANTITIES AND  
PRICES TO BE NEGOTIATED LATER. WITH REGARD TO  
EXPLORATION, OUR SOURCE NOTED THAT UNTIL THE LIBYANS  
ARE PREPARED TO OPEN UP SOME OF THE BETTER FIELDS,  
LITTLE WAS LIKELY TO COME OUT OF THIS STATEMENT.  
HE SAID THAT VEBA WOULD SEND A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO  
LIBYA IN JUNE TO DISCUSS A SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT. OUR  
SOURCE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH NOTHING SPECIFIC WAS  
MENTIONED ON PRICES, HE GOT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION  
THAT THE LIBYANS MIGHT BE PREPARED TO MAKE SOME  
PRICE CONCESSIONS.

3. THE SECOND PRINCIPAL TOPIC WAS LIBYA'S INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT. THE LIBYANS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SOME  
OF THE FACTORIES WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT IN LIBYA BY  
GERMAN FIRMS ARE NO LONGER FUNCTIONING PROPERLY, AND  
THEY LOOK FOR AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE FIRMS  
COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ENSURING THAT THE OPERATION  
RUNS SMOOTHLY FOR A WHILE AFTER IT HAS BEEN  
COMPLETED. THE LIBYANS WOULD ALSO LIKE GERMAN  
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PRIVATE FIRMS TO COME IN AND HELP STRAIGHTEN OUT  
SOME FACTORIES THAT WERE BUILT BY OTHERS. THE TWO  
SIDES DISCUSSED A DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT, AND  
CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE IN NARROWING THE  
DIFFERENCES.

4. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT THE VISIT WAS CONDUCTED IN  
AN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. HE SAID THAT  
THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS, THE LIBYANS MADE A  
STRONG PITCH IN SUPPORT OF THE OPEC/LDC POSITION

TAKEN AT THE RECENT PARIS ENERGY PREPCON, BUT THAT  
THE POSITION WAS NOT AS RADICAL AS THAT OF THE  
ALGERIANS.  
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